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AND OBJECT DETECTION SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Art Unit 2873  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Before examining the subject application, please amend the subject application as follows.


[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Patent Provisional Application No. 60/454,934 filed March 14, 2003; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/518,756 filed November 10, 2003; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/518,763 filed November 10, 2003; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/526,868 filed December 4, 2003; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/527,021 filed December 4, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/526,805 filed December 4, 2003. This application incorporates by reference U.S. Application Serial No. 10/798,232 entitled "Robot Vacuum" by Taylor et al., filed concurrently. (~~Attorney Docket No. SHPR-01360USS~~)

**REMARKS**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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